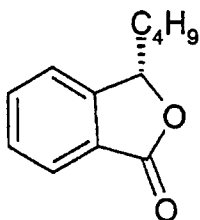


Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A method for ~~preventing or~~ treating cerebral infarct ~~in human beings~~, comprising administering a therapeutically effective dose of L-butylphthalide of formula (I),



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to a subject in need of such ~~prevention or~~ treatment to reduce the volume of the cerebral infarct.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said cerebral infarct is induced by focal cerebral ischemia.

8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the therapeutically effective dose of said L-butylphthalide is 0.1-100 mg/kg per day.